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FOR A-DAY MOUNT FROM GINGLES

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)
SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

1. HOTEL SITUATION BRIGHTENING. NOW HAVE 311 ROOMS AT HILTON - DOUBT CAN SQUEEZE OUT MORE.
2. HAVE 50 ROOMS AT SHERATON FOR CREWS.
3. WITH CREWS AT SHERATON, THE HILTON 311, PLUS LODGING AT PALACE AND EMBASSY COMPOUND BELIEVE ALL CAN BE ACCOMMODATED, WITH OFFICIAL PARTY, KEY STAFF AND PRESS IN SINGLES.
4. HILTON IS A TWO-TOWER LAYOUT WITH LOBBY BETWEEN. AT BASE OF EAST TOWER ARE TWO LARGE FUNCTION ROOMS - ONE SUITABLE FOR PRESS CENTER AND ONE FOR PRESS BRIEFING ROOM, IF DESIRED. CAN OBTAIN ENOUGH ROOMS (195) IN EAST TOWER FOR PRESS AND PRESS STAFF (IF LATTER DOUBLED). WEST TOWER (116 ROOMS) WOULD THEN BE OFFICIAL PARTY AND STAFF NOT AT PALACE OR EMBASSY COMPOUND, PLUS ADVANCE, WHCA ETC.
5. GOI AND HOTEL PROPOSE RESERVE 350-400 SEATS AT PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER-DANCE SHOW IN HILTON BALL ROOM FOR ALL U.S. VISITORS NOT ATTENDING

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OTHER FUNCTION (OR WORKING).

6. THEY ALSO PROPOSE OPEN BREAKFAST BUFFET PRIOR DEPARTURE.
7. DECEMBER 20 ARRIVAL FOR ADVANCE (OUR TELCON 11/30) RUNS INTO FOLLOWING PROBLEMS:

WEDNESDAY, DEC 21 - DAY OF DEEP MOURNING - NO POSSIBLE
COUNTERPART MEETINGS - ONLY HILTON AND EMBASSY CAN BE
SURVEYED.

THURSDAY, DEC 22 - FIRST DAY IRANIAN WEEKEND - HOSTS WORK HALF-
DAY OR LESS.

FRIDAY, DEC 23 - NOBODY WORKS.

SATURDAY, DEC 24 - WORKWEEK BEGINS.

8. REQUEST ADVANCE GROUPS BE ADVISED OF ABOVE AND ASKED
CONSIDER MOVING ARRIVAL DATE UP.
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